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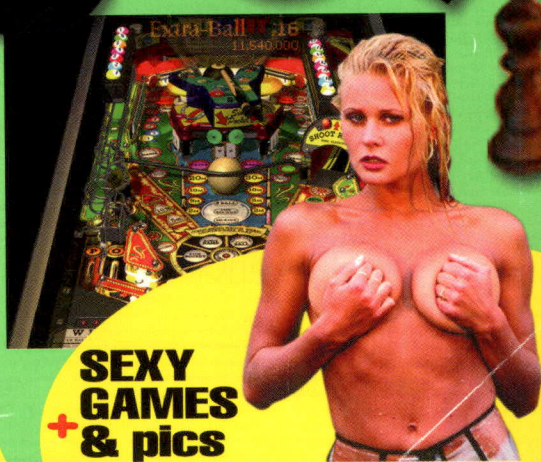
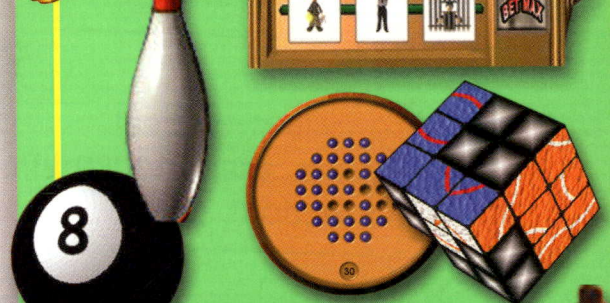
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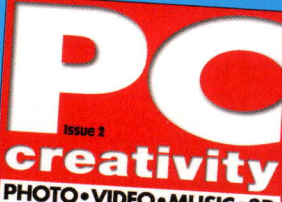
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Better and better

Best of Games has selected for you the best of the shareware and freeware available on the Internet. In this second issue we invite you to discover some completely amazing sport games. Our team was utterly ruthless in its selection criteria: we sought out only games that provide excitement, adrenalin and entertainment! The fare on offer includes a selection of ten games from skateboarding to kayaking, speedboat racing, surfing and motocross. With games like these you'll trip lightly through nature's wilderness – after all, it's unlikely that you'll break your neck in falls

or collisions while you're sitting at home, warm and dry in front of your screen!

You'll also find here three other themes devoted to war games, futuristic adventures and chess. Don't miss our regular Top 10, consisting of the very best of games in shareware and freeware.

Finally, explore our new category, Net Gamers, devoted in this issue to the excellent Alien VS Predator II.

All that remains is for us to wish you happy reading and hours of entertainment with *Best of Games!*

The Editors

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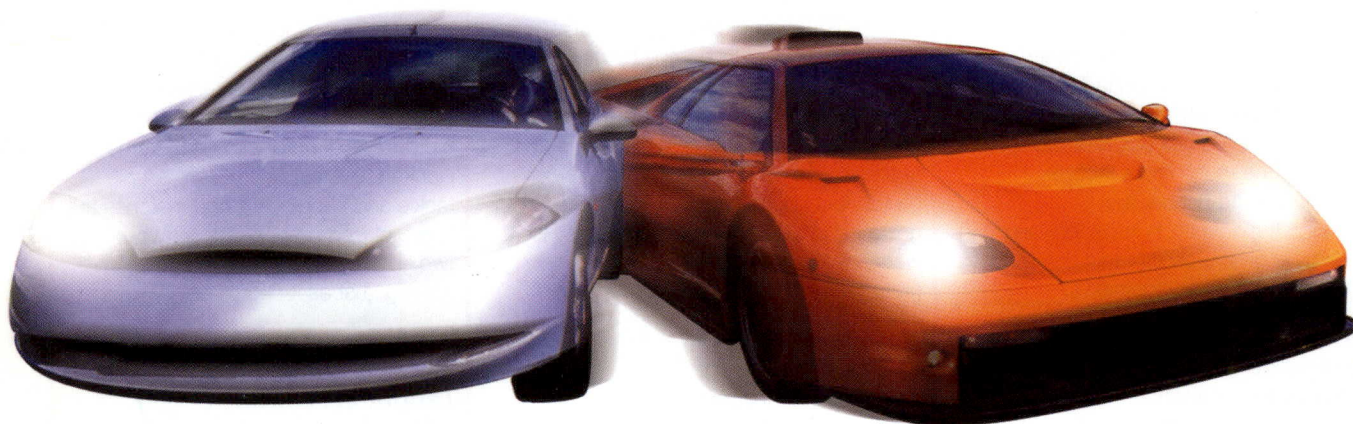
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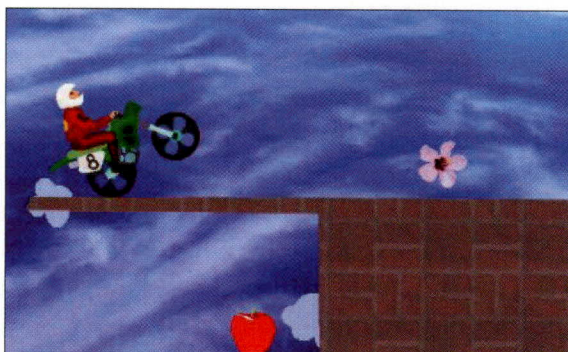
A selection of ten extreme sports. There's every kind of game and we asked only that they provide excitement and entertainment. From the delights of kayaking to the roar of speedboats, there's something in here for all tastes. Take our advice – don't miss any of them!

Motocross artistry

Action Supercross



There's nothing jaded about a motocross trial simulation, but this one is really unusual. The various powerups you need to move up a level are really difficult to get and only serious acrobatics will enable you to reach them. The strong point of this game is the excitement experienced in handling your mechanical beast, simultaneously mastering balance and speed. Plenty to distract your attention from a slightly old-fashioned production.



Author: Balazs Razsa

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/balazs/across.htm>

Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 2/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 4/5

Long-distance

ATV



If you like quad, you're in for a treat. In this ATV demo, you can set off on a huge number of courses set in desert locations as bumpy as the Badlands. You can also generate others at random. And if you get bored of racing, why not try the much more tactical Derby mode. The decors are wonderful, the animation flows well and gameplay is on the cards - this game purrs like a well-tuned engine!

Author: Encore Software

Licence: demo

Language: English

Site: www.encoresoftware.com/



Graphics : 5/5

Sound : 4/5

Interest : 5/5

Overall score : 5/5

Wheeling

Dirtbike



Make sure your helmet is fully on, as *Dirtbike* is the art of making bike racing dangerous! On really bumpy dirt tracks, you can push your bike to its limits in order to make the fastest time. The only problem is that this kind of bike rears up at the slightest acceleration... so if you go too fast you might just find yourself going head over heels! The gameplay is wonderful, all by mouse. In a word, great fun!

Author: Brad Quick

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: www.dirtjumper.co.uk



Graphics : 4/5

Sound : 3/5

Interest : 5/5

Overall score: 5/5

Duel on ice

Extreme Hockey



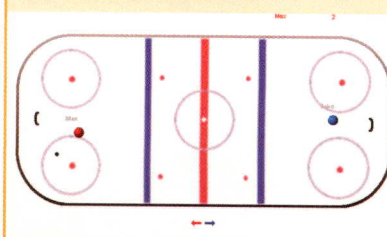
If you're looking for a faithful simulation of hockey, don't look here. If on the other hand, you don't mind arcade-type games in which entertainment and gameplay are the most important factors, you'll probably like Extreme Hockey. The instructions are simple - tackle and shoot - and the matches are short, played one-on-one or two-on-two. The whole thing is very fast moving, just as it should be.

Author: MK Sports

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: www.ehockey.cjb.net



Graphics: 3/5

Sound : 2/5

Interest : 4/5

Overall score : 3/5

Alpine alacrity

Everest



Difficult to find a more extreme mountaineering simulation than this one, which will carry you to the towering heights of the steepest precipices in the world. You have to lead a small expedition, which involves establishing various base camps, studying the weather forecasts, handling the equipment, etc. Realism is increased by the numerous factors that have to be taken into account.

Author: Cascoly software

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: <http://cascoly.com>

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Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 3/5

Interest: 4/5

Overall score: 3/5

Tote that barge

Kayak Extreme



Discover all the delights of extreme kayaking. Obviously it's not quite the same thing when you're home and dry in front of your screen, but *Kayak Extreme* is nonetheless choc-full of excitement thanks to this superb production. There are some long runs on extremely rough torrents. Once you get used to handling the paddle, the game will reveal all its charm to you, and you'll be begging for more!

Author: Small rockets

Licence: demo

Language: English

Site: www.smallrockets.com



Graphics: 5/5

Sound: 5/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 5/5

Big billow

Wildride



Wildride is that perfect wave that every surfer dreams of, even if it'll end in a broken board and teeth. With a tube like this, all manoeuvres are possible, as long as you know how to go about it. No frills, except of course that you can watch your performance from every possible angle, in 3D. Simple and effective, an entertaining sport arcade game that will bring a little sunshine into your PC!

Author: Run and gun!

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: www.runandgun.com/wildride



Graphics: 4/5

Sound: 5/5

Interest: 4/5

Overall score: 4/5

Rooftop

Gapsk8er



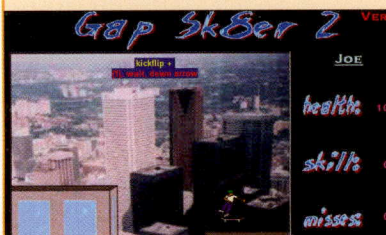
TTrue fans of extreme sports are always on the lookout for more and more excitement. Skateboarding on asphalt? Forget it – that's old hat now! The very latest thing in this area is jumping from building to building. But if you don't get it right, you won't get a second chance! True, Gapsk8er's graphics are a little old-fashioned. However, in no time at all you'll be involved in furiously working on your moves. And that's the main thing, isn't it?

Author: Shawn Kilmer

Licence: freeware

Language: English

Site: www.smithandfeeble.com



Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 3/5

Interest: 4/5

Overall score: 4/5

The wind

Hangsim



Hangsim brings you freeflight from a choice of various microlites, hang-gliders, paragliders or sailplanes. The simulation quality is outstanding, and once you've got used to the way your contraption behaves in the air, you'll be ready to head off in search of the right uplifts and thermals to carry you further and further. But be careful now, accidents can happen! This is an excellent game for lovers of more unusual excitement.

Author: Wilco

Licence: demo

Language: English

Site: www.wilcopub.com



Graphics: 4/5

Sound: 4/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 4/5

Open throttle

Jetboat



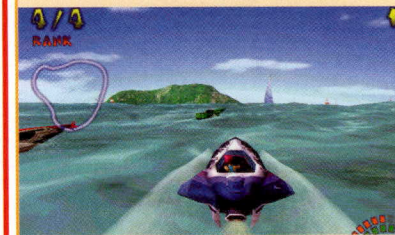
This thing is becoming a habit: Small Rockets games always turn out to be hits! In *Jetboat*, you take the helm of a sort of cross between a jet ski, a motorboat and the water version of a Formula One. Then you set off at full tilt. It's truly a delight to pilot one of these, not forgetting that you also have to seek out specific sea-lanes. The production is truly magnificent – we loved it!

Author: Small rockets

Licence: demo

Language: English

Site: www.smallrockets.com



Graphics: 5/5

Sound: 5/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 5/5

The best of !

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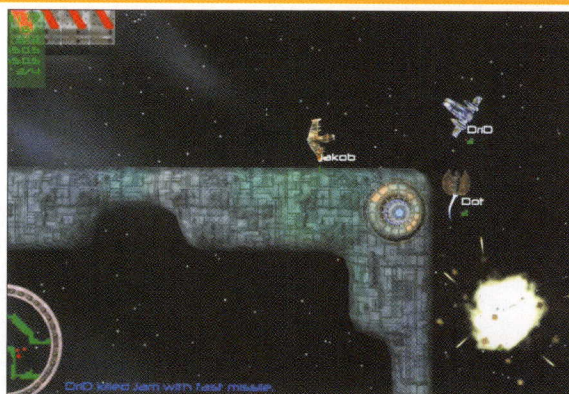
The best of freeware and shareware in ten games. There's something here for all tastes, from action games to the most mind-boggling brain teasers. We'd like to draw special attention to Little Fighter II and the remarkable Donkey Kong Rumble. To your joypads!

Spatial arena

Andromeda 9



If you like nothing better than to beat a human adversary, then Andromeda 9 is for you! You take the commands of a combat vessel hurled into a space arena for merciless combats. The two modes of play - kill'em all and capture the flag - prove very entertaining, and the production is faultless. Connecting to the server is simple and straightforward. A good little game for lovers of a parlour-game style shooter!



Author: Northbridge Games
Licence : freeware
Language: English
Site: www.andromeda9.com

Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Brainteaser

Bubbles



Describing Bubbles - a game that combines Tetris, Puzzle Bubble and the like - is nearly as difficult as playing it. Your task is to destroy scattered coloured blocks by piling three bubbles of the same colour on top of them. Sounds simple, but before long you'll be tearing your hair out as it gets more and more difficult as you go up the levels. A good test of brains and reactions!

Author: Dynotech Software
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.dynotech.com



Graphics: 3/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 4/5

Roaches

Dark Orbit



We're used to impressive productions from Wild Tangent, and Dark Orbit is no exception. You pilot a reconnaissance craft dropped at the heart of an old base that has since been invaded by the enemy, a population of extraterrestrial cockroaches. They're not really that tough, but there's a lot of them. The graphics are wonderful and the soundtrack, which is particularly good, will give you a few frights.

Author: Wild Tangent
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.wildtangent.com



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Eternal Asteroid

Driftzone



The great old classic videogames often come around again, and when they do, far from boring us they sometimes bring wonderful surprises, as does this Driftzone. It is a magnificent clone of Asteroid and its major attractions are well-made 3D graphics, spectacular explosions and above all a distancing system which devilishly changes your trajectory with each shot. Simple, effective and entertaining!

Author: Team C3
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.teamc3.com



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Waste the alien

Galactic Menace



Aliens are cruising over the city, ready to make their final lightning attack. Luckily it just so happens that you're on the lookout and, armed only with your trusty laser gun, you're fully determined to wreak havoc among all that green flesh... and you may well succeed. This is a nice arcade game in the Space Invader tradition, with no frills or complicated storyline, just fire and fire again!

Author: Zapspot
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.zapspot.com



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 4/5
Overall score: 4/5

A little fight

Little Fighter 2



A cross between Street Fighter and Double Dragon, in the nicest beat 'em up tradition, Little Fighter 2 is remarkable for the number of its characters – up to eight players to wallop either alone or on the net. With its manga graphics, Little Fighter 2 is very entertaining and combines all the major elements of a good fight game: special blows, depth, double energy bar, bonuses, weapons, etc. Really great!

Author: Wong & Wong
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.littlefighter.com



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

War of the worms

Nim 2



U game in the style of Worms and other Lieros, in which worms fight each other to the death. What's novel about Nim 2 is that the shooting takes place in real time, making for even more frenzied confrontations! There are tons of weapons, a choice of loads of worms, noisy sound effects and high power explosions. All in all, a really nice production. As for the multiplayer games, they really are exceptional.

Author: Zaphire Productions
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: <http://zp.hybd.net/>



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 3/5
Overall score: 3/5

Self transport

Simutrans



Inspired by Railroad Tycoon, Simutrans rockets you to the head of a road, rail and sea transport company. So many markets to steal from the competition, because - not happy to just manage your empire - you also want to prevent your competitors from expanding. A well-thought out, involved game that will keep you absorbed for hours. Ideal for taking you off the beaten track....

Author: Hansjörg Malthaner
Licence: Beta
Language: Multilingual
Site: www.simutrans.cjb.net



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 3/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

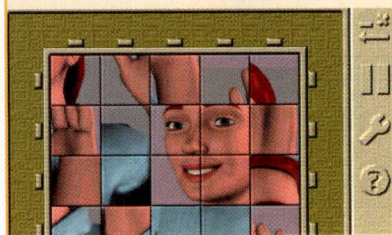
"Taquin"

Tilerama



Making new from old isn't necessarily a bad idea, and Tilerama is an impressive example. Built around a game of Taquin, it consists of rearranging tiles to form a picture, and gets away from the traditional way of moving tiles. The graphics are sharp, and you can load your own pictures. A universal game, but customised by you!

Author: A.M.Ortolani
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.envy.nu/tilerama



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 3/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

He's back!

Donkey Kong Rumble



It's been a while since we laid eyes on the simian features of old Donkey Kong, and it's a great pleasure to have him back for a particularly good platform game that takes place in the heart of the jungle. No great originality about the game, but it has excellent gameplay, good graphics and masses of monsters. Jump, dodge, collect your quota of bananas and celebrate the return of The Videogame Monkey!

Author: Freakzone
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.zap.to/freakzone



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 4/5
Overall score: 4/5

Big guns and cold blood

You'll find
all selected games on
the net!

From Doom-like, dark, monster-infested alleys to more humoristic and rural backgrounds and top-notch first-person shooters, this game selection will blow your mind. Pure action!

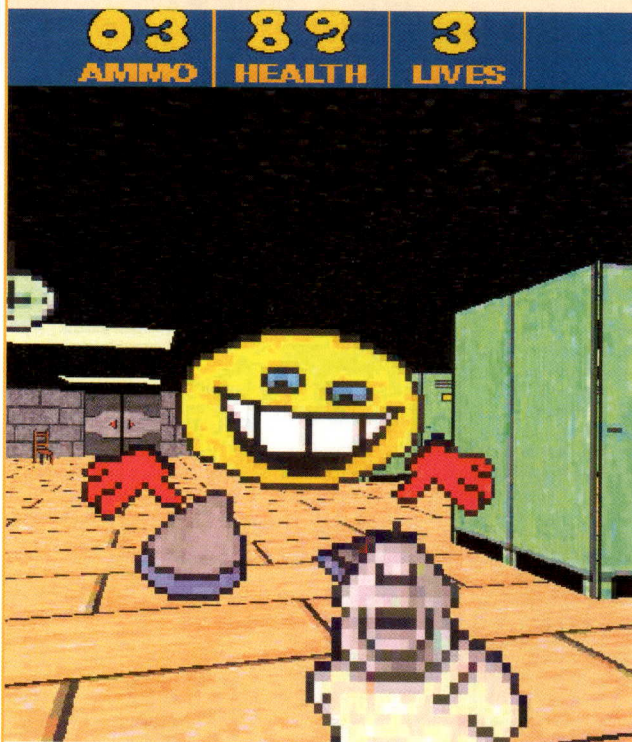
Smiley attack

Bad Toys 3D



A conventional *first-person shooter*: long corridors, large rooms, hidden corners, etc. Instead of killing monsters, nazis or mutants, *Bad Toys 3D* will introduce you to... *smileys*! You all know those round and yellow faces that Forrest Gump is said to have invented. Time to wipe that silly grin of their faces!

Author: Tibo Software
Licence: Shareware
Language: English
Site: www.tibosoftware.com



Graphics : 5/5
Sound : 4/5
Interest : 5/5
Overall score : 5/5

Yeti shooting

Counter Attack



While you were visiting a glacial planet, you accidentally met its inhabitants, some kind of starving yeti-gnomes. Luckily you never go anywhere without your laser guns! Obviously those balls of fur are useless against your armour so the game is more or less like a cooler pigeon shooting session. With its exceptional graphics and funny noises, this production is well worth checking out.

Author: Mike McKeown
Licence: Freeware
Language: English
Site: <http://www.caofficialsite.cjb.et>



Graphics : 5/5
Sound : 4/5
Interest : 5/5
Overall score : 5/5

The praying Mantis

Feedn'Cloe



Your mother told you so: you should never have married your wife! She's a terrific man-eater... literally! She's continuously ravenous and its in your interests to feed her ASAP! Your caravan is parked miles away from the local store so you're going to have to hunt for food. Two minutes to get a few sheep, rats and squirrels: to feed or be the food, choice is yours! Excellent!

Author: Arush Entertainment

Licence: Shareware

Language: English

Site: www.arushgames.com



Graphics : 5/5

Sound : 4/5

Interest : 5/5

Overall score : 4/5

Merry Christmas!

Santa's gone postal



Natural Fawn Killer's second episode is once again to be handled carefully. It is not the hunting season but Christmas time. Shoot rabbits, polar bears, reindeers and even... Santa's elves! Be careful though, unlike rabbits bears are slightly bigger and if they catch you... it could be your last christmas!

Author: Small Rockets

Licence: Shareware

Language: English

Site: www.smallrockets.com



Graphics : 3/5

Sound : 4/5

Interest : 5/5

Overall score : 4/5

Warrior!

Urban Mercenary



An excellent *Doom*-like game, filled with powerful humanoid robots, clever and heavily armed. Not that many changes but a tough game all the same. Check out the excellent sound effects through the built-in multiplayer mode as you choose your position. Of course, *Urban Mercenary* has a built-in multiplayer mode. Quality for free, what more could you ask for?

Author: Moshpit Entertainment

Licence: Freeware

Language: English

Site: www.moshpitentertainment.com



Graphics : 5/5

Sound : 4/5

Interest : 5/5

Overall score : 4/5

The visitors

The varginha incident



An alien spaceship crashed into Earth and like David Vincent, you've witnessed the whole thing. Will the world change drastically? It's pretty unlikely with the Army in charge – they will hide all evidence in order to use alien technology. Hopefully you've decided to get armed, to free those aliens and uncover that huge conspiracy... Pure madness!

Author: Perceptum

Licence: Demo

Language: English

Site: www.perceptum.com



Graphics : 3/5

Sound : 3/5

Interest : 3/5

Overall score : 3/5

Reach for the stars

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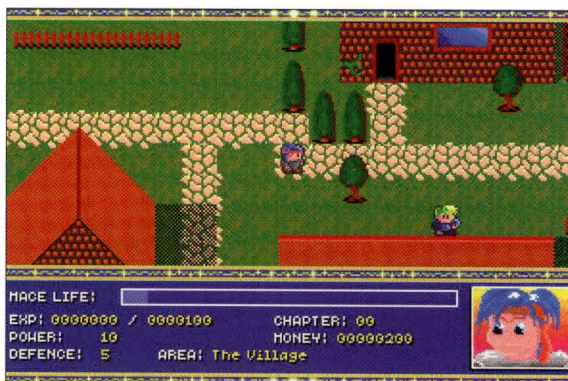
The only imaginable future will be epic-heroic! Proof positive is these ten games, which will shoot you into distant worlds where only daring and courage will keep you alive. From the purest adventure game to those of action and role-playing, success and glory await you!

Mankind under threat

Avalon



St is the year 3045. The remains of mankind wander in space in search of a planet where they can settle. Finally they find Avalon and colonise it. Unfortunately a few years later, local aliens, who have been hiding until now, appear and attack. Only one man can save struggling mankind, and that, of course, is you. A nice game of role-play in the style of Zelda and Final Fantasy, which will appeal to lovers of the genre and everyone else as well!



Author: MiG
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.gironet.nl/home/roder/
Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 2/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 4/5

Galactic Fantasy

Rob Blanc II



In the first episode Rob Blanc, a London chip shop owner, almost became defender of the universe. But just as he was taking holidays to be ready and rested for his first mission, his lift was teleported into space... An excellent amusing game of graphic adventure between the ludicrous and the fantastic. An ideal way to forget "dry" land for a few hours.

Author: Yahtzee
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.geocities.com



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Alien attack !

Gorch Quest



Aliens are about to destroy your planet, where all defence systems have been sabotaged. So the hopes of the entire population rest squarely on the tiny pixelised shoulders of Gorch, the maintenance technician that is you. To reactivate the defence system, you have to find five crystals which are scattered around a dangerous and labyrinthine base. An adventure game which combines action and brainwork. Try it!

Author: Joey Cato
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.kypsoft.com



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 4/5
Overall score: 4/5

Odyssey

Lost Infinity



Become Roquan, a humanoid robot which is lost light years away from home. You start on an unknown planet and it's only through chance meetings that you'll manage – perhaps – to find your way home. Try to be careful – death is often lying in wait! A pretty successful adventure game in which you can get your character to do all sorts of things. Fans of this genre will really like it.

Author: Aries Software
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: <http://members.aol.com>



Graphics: 3/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 3/5
Overall score: 3/5

Against the clock

Mission Caduceus



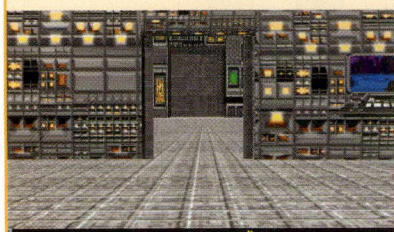
As you were heading for the medical station on Caduceus to deliver urgently needed medication, an asteroid hit your craft. Obviously you had to land urgently on a nearby planet, but your spacecraft is now in a sorry state. And if you don't act quickly and fight against the epidemic, it'll kill millions of people. Your mission now is to repair your spacecraft as fast as you can. Your duty? To stay alive...

Author: Ambrosine

Licence: freeware

Language: English

Site: www.mindspring.com/~ambrosine



Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 3/5

Interest: 3/5

Overall score: 3/5

Shrunken soldier

MicroMan



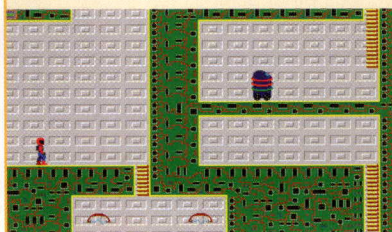
In a secret laboratory in an indeterminate future, private Jones volunteers for a dangerous mission - to be miniaturised to a micron scale in order to infiltrate the enemy. Unfortunately, things go wrong and here is Bob Jones, alias Microman, shrunk for an indefinite length of time. How long can you survive in an obviously hostile environment? An excellent platform/adventure game.

Author: Brian Goble

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: www.micromanx.com



Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 4/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 4/5

Lunacy

Starknights



Starknight projects you straight into a far-flung epoch at the other side of the universe, to the head of a nation prepared to follow you in your megalomaniac lunacy. Your obsession? To control the universe. Your problem? You're not the only one. A superb game which cleverly mixes arcade, adventure, management and strategy, and which will make you completely forget the here and now!

Author: Knightsoft technologies Inc.

Licence: demo

Language: multilingual

Site: www.starknights.com



Graphics: 5/5

Sound: 5/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 5/5

Mystery

The Key



There are aspects of *Myst* in *The Key*, a graphic game of adventure that is visually very well made. This is a world to be explored alone, in which the player wakes up not really knowing why he's there, only that he wants to get out. *The Key* has the advantage of several cinematic scenes and a really well-made soundtrack. It will plunge you completely into its deserted and disturbing world. A great production!

Author: Jonathan K. Cooper

Licence: freeware

Language: English

Site: <http://geocities.com/jmkc80>



Graphics: 4/5

Sound: 5/5

Interest: 4/5

Overall score: 4/5

Small business

War Path



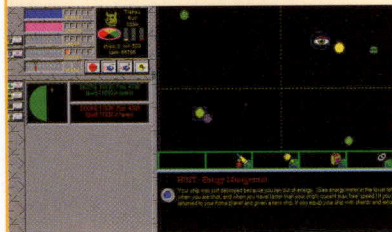
Choose your craft and your race and you're off! Your aim is to dominate the universe by getting ahead of the other players (A.I. or human, via the Net). To do so, you must be a good manager, a keen fighter and possibly also a good diplomat. *WarPath* is a protean game in which you're left to your own devices, with echoes of *Elite*. Even if the production is a little outmoded, try it - it's really entertaining!

Author: Synthetic Reality Co.

Licence: shareware

Language: English

Site: <http://synthetic-reality.com>



Graphics: 3/5

Sound: 3/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 4/5

Epic!

Battle of Youstrass



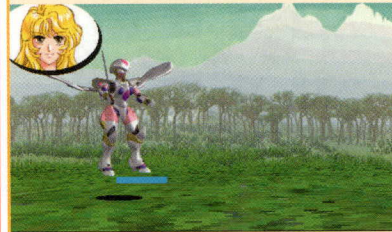
BoY is a strategic role playing game. Underneath a futuristic manga appearance, somewhere between *Goldorak* and *Albator*, lies a real adventure based on a solid story, crossed with combat sequences from role-play to guerrilla tactics. The whole thing works remarkably well and you're quickly absorbed by the story. This is a game for fans of glorious epics and dramatic combats: we loved it.

Author: Team Darkland

Licence: demo

Language: English

Site: www.teamdarkland.com



Graphics: 4/5

Sound: 3/5

Interest: 5/5

Overall score: 4/5

Checkmate

Out of these ten, the top slot goes to the so-called king of games, chess. Whether a beginner or an old hand, somewhere here is the ideal chessboard for you. And your computer won't gloat every time it wins... even if it has the irritating habit of repeating itself!

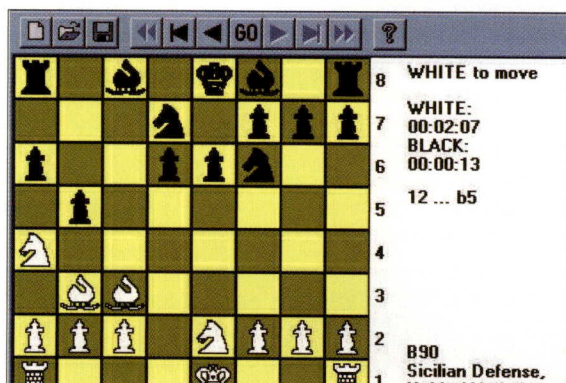
You'll find all the games from this selection on the Internet

A killer!

Arasan



There's no fuss here, just everything that a real chess-lover expects from a shareware: a book of openings, the option of noting positions and various other settings for connoisseurs. The carefully made clock will allow you to play practically all modes of the game from the fastest blitz to long games with the addition of time increments at each move. Finally, a warning for chess-lovers: *Arasan* can be really good!



Author: Jon Dart
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.best.com/~jdart/arasan.htm
Graphics: 3/5
Sound: 1/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 4/5

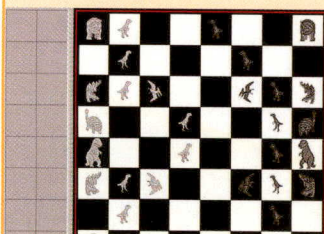
Paleontological

Fantasy Chess



Without frills or options for serious chess amateurs, *Fantasy Chess* proves to be a pleasant little game, ideal for anyone making their first moves on a chessboard. So no matter how hard the level of the game, *Fantasy Chess* remains accessible! The novelty pieces are worth mentioning, just in case you suddenly have a burning desire to play with dinosaurs. Nice and entertaining, for beginners and intermediate players.

Author: Dataware
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.datawaregames.com



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 2/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 4/5

Futuristic

Battleboard



Battleboard isn't exactly a game of chess, but is so inspired by chess that it has earned its place in this selection. On a "chessboard" of 9 X 9 squares, you have to destroy the opposing flagship craft, the "king" of the game. Confrontations between pieces is organised in an amusing arcade mode, which pure strategy lovers will probably de-activate. Played by two players or against the computer, worth exploring.

Author: Rainfall Studios
Licence: demo
Language: English
Site: www.xgames3d.com/



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 3/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

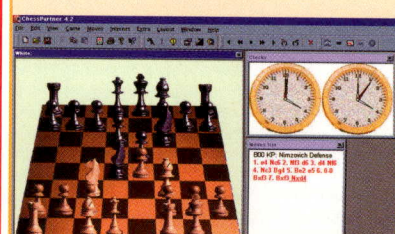
Chess and more!

Chesspartner



ChessPartner has everything you can expect from a game of chess and more. Not only can you choose your level, you can also see an analysis of the game in real time, the name of the opening, the value of the position, etc. Save your games, play on the net on specialised servers, store game statistics... From the amateur to the chessmaster, this is truly great shareware and the best of this selection.

Author: Lokasoft
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.lokasoft.nl/uk



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: 2/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

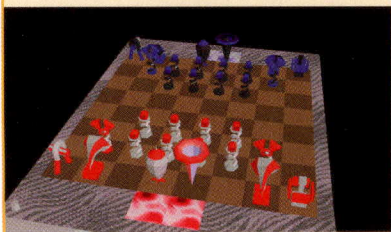
Mega Mutant

Sir Bombalot



Sir Bombalot has a lot of things in common with chess, starting with a chessboard of 64 squares, although you'll have to take a detour around the help section to learn all about the rules. However, it's worth getting the hang of this mutant game, it's tactically rich, and the completely 3D production is remarkable. And then you can even play against your friends on the Net - an essential for any curious player!

Author: Earth Gaming
Licence : shareware
Language : English
Site : www.nucleus.com



Graphics : 4/5
Sound : no
Interest : 4/5
Overall score: 4/5

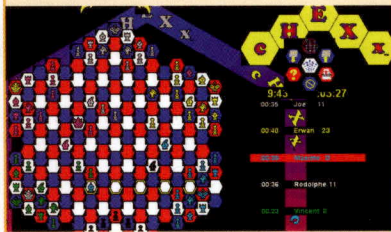
Chess for 6

Chexxwon



Now here's a novel idea: chess for 6 rather than 2 players! In *Chexxwon*, the squares are hexagonal, and so is the wargame-type board. You'll find pieces for the game of kings, and another called Nemesis with moves adapted to the six-sided squares. The only thing wrong is the absence of artificial intelligence. You can look forward to lively evenings once you've gathered 2 to 6 friends to join you!

Author: CHEXx Partners
Licence: freeware
Language: English
Site: www.chexx.com



Graphics: 2/5
Sound: no
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 3/5

Suicide

Crazy Chess



Yes, the opposite of chess really does exist, and you're about to play it. A suicide variant, it consists of losing all your pieces before your opponent, and is based on the rules of draughts. Crazy Chess is a strategy game where 'the loser wins', which is a maxim really worth exploring, and here's your chance. With lots of options, each crazier than the next. Has to be tried!

Author: Bartashnikov et Ilyuk
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.chessvariants.com/



Graphics: 4/5
Sound: no
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Best Looker

D3D



Simply the best looking of the games in this selection, entirely in 3D, using light and shade effects while remaining playable, D3D gives you the impression that you're really sitting in front of your chessboard. However, there are no options and the shareware version offers only one level of difficulty. Try it just for the visual pleasure, and hopefully the computer will be at the right level for you!

Author: TLK
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: <http://www.tlk.fr>



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: 4/5
Interest: 4/5
Overall score: 5/5

Serious benefits

Kchess Elite



Whatever your level, *Kchess* will prove to be a very pleasant opponent. But don't expect amazing pieces or astonishing variants, for *Kchess* is above all aimed at true chess-lovers. It concentrates on position analysis, backed up by commentaries, and also possesses a fine library of openings. If you're really trying to improve your chess, *Kchess* really could be the ideal partner.

Author: Rob McDonell
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.arkangles.com



Graphics: 3/5
Sound: 5/5
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Change of scene

Rival Chess



Rival Chess shines because of its beautiful production and it also has three highly unusual variants. In the Kinglet variant, you only have to get rid of all your pawns in order to win. In Shatranj, several rules have been modified: the elephant replaces the bishop and jumps two squares diagonally. Finally, in Selftake, it's possible to take your own pieces. Three delights for any chess-lover.

Author: Chris Moreton
Licence: shareware
Language: English
Site: www.redhotpawn.com/rival



Graphics: 5/5
Sound: no
Interest: 5/5
Overall score: 5/5

Aliens, the return!

Feel the urge to do battle on the net? Devotees of virtual combat and on-line butchery: *Aliens VS Predator* has arrived. To your rocket-launchers.



Aliens on the Web

Before you get completely snarled up in the intricate convolutions of the game, it might be a good idea to slowly get used to the subtleties of *Aliens VS Predator*. On Avpnews, you can learn about the various strategies of seasoned players as well as getting the latest news from AvP. You'll also find a wealth of advice, cheats, codes and screenshots of your favourite game.

From news to forums and downloads, extras and lots of links, AvP News is an essential stopover.

Official site: www.avpnews.com

The artist

If you don't know Giger, the artist who created the beasts and decors for the Alien series, take a look at his very nice website. There's a science-fiction atmosphere that's gothic enough to give you goose pimples, and exclusive photos provide more information on the master's work. If your heart is up to it, you can even buy the originals. The ultimate in creepy.

Official site: www.giger.com

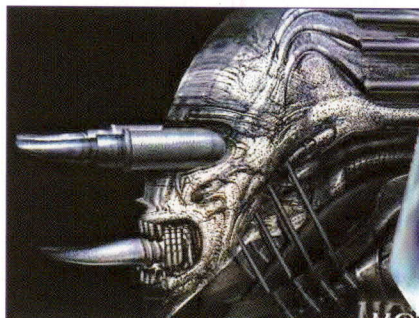
Aliens VS Predator

The second opus of *Aliens VS Predator* brings with it even more fear and dread than the film series. It goes further still, with an even darker atmosphere and a soundtrack to really make you feel that death is just around the corner. It's not for sensitive souls, but the rest of you can certainly make a beeline for this first person shooter masterpiece.

Editor: Sierra

Official site:

<http://aliensvspredator2.sierra.com>



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